

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 15-22, and 26-28 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 15, and 20 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner objected to the specification; and rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

**Objection to Specification**

By this Amendment, Applicants are replacing the specification with a Substitute Specification. Clean and marked-up versions of the Substitute Specification are attached hereto. It is respectfully submitted that the Substitute Specification contains no new matter. As such, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding objection to the specification be withdrawn.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph**

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-28 asserting the claims are indefinite. However, it is respectfully submitted claims 1-4, 6-9, 15-22, and 26-28 are pending in this application, not claims 1-28 as asserted by the

Examiner. As such, it is unclear what claim set the Examiner examined.

Included in the substitute specification filed herewith, Applicants include a current claim set, as amended pursuant to Article 19 or to claims attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Article 34) during prosecution of the above-identified national phase PCT application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejection of claims 1-28 and properly examine currently pending claims 1-4, 6-9, 15-22, and 26-28. Should the Examiner reject the currently pending claims, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner do so in a proper non-final Official Action.

#### Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension of time fee is attached.

